

Amendment No. 2 to HB0443

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 298\***

**House Bill No. 443**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 9, Part 7, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) In addition to the resident training programs provided in this part, and subject to specific appropriation of funds by the general assembly, there are created the following two (2) resident training programs:

(1) A resident training program to provide resident training opportunities for doctors of medicine focusing on family practice, general pediatrics, and psychiatry to provide medical and behavioral health services in medically underserved areas and rural counties, distributed across all three (3) grand divisions of this state; and

(2) A resident training program to provide resident training opportunities for physicians focusing on family medicine and general internal medicine to provide medical and behavioral health services in medically underserved areas and rural counties, distributed across all three (3) grand divisions of this state.

(b)

(1) The Tennessee higher education commission, in cooperation with the department of health, shall administer the resident training program described in subdivision (a)(1).

(2) The Tennessee higher education commission shall contract with accredited medical schools and sponsoring institutions of residency programs

approved by the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) to provide doctor of medicine resident training opportunities consistent with this section.

(3) The resident training program described in subdivision (a)(1) must be open to all qualified candidates, and resident training opportunities must be filled using the matching process used for graduate medical education that exists on the effective date of this act.

(4) The Tennessee higher education commission shall consult with the bureau of TennCare and establish the same process and methodology for the allocation of graduate medical education funds under this section as TennCare uses to distribute TennCare graduate medical education funds.

(c)

(1) Lincoln Memorial University, in cooperation with the department of health, shall administer the resident training program described in subdivision (a)(2).

(2) Lincoln Memorial University may contract with other accredited osteopathic or allopathic medical schools and sponsoring institutions of residency programs approved by the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) to provide physician resident training opportunities consistent with this section.

(3) The resident training opportunities created pursuant to the resident training program described in subdivision (a)(2):

(A) Must use ACGME-accredited family medicine or general internal medicine residency programs with institutional sponsors that are either local community hospitals or community health systems; and

(B) Shall not use residency programs with institutional sponsors that are universities or medical schools.

(d) The resident training programs created by this section must make maximum feasible use of non-state funds from the federal government, private sources, and fees for services in a manner that is consistent with accreditation standards when developing and implementing the additional resident training opportunities created by this section.

(e) Resident training opportunities created under this section are not eligible for graduate medical education funds distributed by the bureau of TennCare pursuant to § 71-5-2005(d)(1)(C).

SECTION 2. It is the intent of the general assembly that, of the state funds appropriated to implement this act during the 2021-2022 state fiscal year, four million dollars (\$4,000,000) be allocated for the implementation of the resident training program that is administered by the University of Tennessee and East Tennessee State University, and that one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) be allocated for the implementation of the resident training program that is administered by Lincoln Memorial University.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.